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THE REHEARSAL.

1. So *Harden'd* a Caſe as that of *Re-Printing* the *Experiment* is not to be Paralleſ'd.
2. Why the *Clergy-man* who Proſecuted *Abraham Gill* Choſe to *Anſwer* the *Experiment*, inſtead of following the *Law* any further.
3. The *Review* ſtands by the *Experiment* ſtill, and tells how it *Pinches*.
4. They Repeat the *Appeal* they made to *God* and the *Queen*, for the *Truth* of every Word of the *Experiment*.
5. And of the *Leaſt and Minuteſt Circumſtance* in it.
6. How good *Proteſtants* they are.
7. The *Crime* is in the *Diſſenters*, more than in *De Foe*.
8. Yet all the *Diſſenters* are not Included herein.
9. The difference betwixt *Proſecution* for *Principles*, and on *Perſonal* Accounts.

WEDNESDAY, *February* 16. 1708.

(1.) *Country-man.* THE *Re-Printing* the *Experiment* under a new *Title*, of which you told me in your laſt, is a *Diſcovery* truly! That this may paſs for a *New Book* of *Slander* upon the *Church*, to which no *Anſwer* is made! Can ſuch another Inſtance be given, among any *Party* of Men of what *Denomination* ſoever, of ſuch an inveterate *Malice*, Proof againſt *Shame* and all *Conviction*, defying *Repentance* or *Confeſſing* any *Miſtake*, tho' ſo Plainly *Detected* to their Faces, that they have nothing to ſay—— Yet ſtanding it out ſtill—— Not giving back an *Inch*— *Heroes* of *Slander*, who tho' *Overcome*, Scorn to *Yield*!—— And when all the World cries *Shame* upon them, not to be *Daunted* a Bit, but put out the ſame *Slander* again, with a new *Vizard*, that they might not know its *Face*! And ſo let it ſpread its *Poiſon*, till *Diſcover'd* anew! And then, like a *High-way-Man*, 'tis but puting on another *Coat* or *Wigg*, and he's another Man, and to the ſame Work again!

(2.) *Rehearſal.* The *Clergy-man* who Proſecuted *Abraham Gill* (the *Hero* of the *Experiment*) had almoſt Ruin'd himſelf by that Expenſive ſuit at *Law*, Supported by the *Joint Purſe* of the *Party* againſt him, with a Thouſand *Tricks* and *Vexations* to make him Weary of it, which they Effected. For he ſeeing no End of it, and being no longer able to ſupport the *Charge*, he contented himſelf to lay open the whole Cauſe in *Print*, which he did in an *Anſwer* to the *Experiment*, with ſuch Undeniable *Vouchers* as Carry'd their own *Conviction* along with them, ſo *Plain* and *Evident*, as that it was not Poſſible to make any *Reply*. And all that the *Author* of the *Experiment* ſays to him in his *Reviews*, is, to bid him go to *Law* again!

Country-man This is owning himſelf *Beaten* and *Baffl'd* to the laſt Degree! But I ſuppoſe he vouches his *Experiment* no more.

(3) *Rehearſ.* Yes, Yes! He can bear a thouſand *Convictions*, and not be out of *Countenance*! In his *Advertiſement* to his *Review* of the 3d. Inſtant, Quoted in my laſt, he calls the *Detection* of *Abraham Gill*, a *Plot* of the *Church* againſt the *Diſſenters*, and ſays, That their (the Church) *Railing at the EXPERIMENT is a full Teſtimony how Hard it Pinches them.*

Country-m. This is beyond any thing ever I heard! The Church *Triumphs* in all the *Lies*, *Forgeries*, and *Perjuries* in the *Experiment*, being ſo fully and clearly *Detected* in the *Anſwer* to it, as that no *Reply* can be made. And is this a *full Teſtimony* how Hard it *Pinches* them! But it *Pinches* not the *Diſſenters* nor *De Foe* we ſee! It wou'd *Pinch* any other *Sort* of *Men* in the *World*!

(4.) *Rehearſ.* But after it was thus fully and Abſolutely *Detected*, yet they Abate not an Ace of their *Confidence*, but in the new *Edition* of it under another *Title*, they Repeat the ſame *Impudent Aſſurance* with which it vouch'd all theſe *Lies* at the Beginning, and *Dedicates* them to the *Queen* (Modeſt Men!) as a *Party-Cauſe* betwixt the *Church* and *Diſſenters*, and is Addreſs'd to her *Majeſty* in theſe words, among many others,

"They

" They humbly ſubmit themſelves and " their Cauſe to your Majeſty's Protection, " Imploring your Royal Regard ſo far and " no farther as every Article advanc'd in " their behalf in this Book is poſitively " and exactly conformable to Truth and " Direct Meaning, being at all times Rea- " dy to Come forth and Confront, even in " your Royal Preſence, all the Allegations " to the contrary. Having thus Publickly " Appeal'd to God and your Majeſty, they " can no longer Doubt either of the Bleſ- " ſing from above, or, the Protection and " Aſſiſtance of your Majeſty below.

Country-m. Hold! Hold! *Maſter.* I profeſs it *Chills* my *Blood* to hear ſuch Solemn *Appeals* to *God*, to the *Queen*, and to the *World*, Preface in the *Forging* of *Holy Orders*, falſe *Affidavits*, and the moſt Notorious *Scene* of Contriv'd *Villany* againſt the *Church* that I believe any Age ever ſaw! And to have this *Repeated* again, after all theſe things have been *Detected* as with a *Sun-Beam*!

(5.) *Rehearſ.* And the ſame *Aſſurance* is Carry'd on quite thro' all the Book. He ſays, p. 2. of the new Edition,

" And as I ſhould not have attempted " this Relation, had I not had Good and " Undoubted Teſtimony of the Truth of " every Article, ſo I write with the grea- " ter Aſſurance, ſince I can frankly Defie " the moſt hardned Advocate of ſuch a " Wretched Cauſe (i. e. of the *Church*) to " Confront the leaſt or Minuteſt Circum- " ſtance,

Country-m. And yet there is not one *Circumſtance* of the *Story* he tells, but what has been Evidently Prov'd to be *Falſe!* Not through *Miſ-Information* or *Miſtake*, but all one *Studied*, *Deliberate*, and *Concerted LIE*! Stood in with *Oaths*, *Subornations*, and *Forgeries* till *Detected*. And ſtill *Stood in* and *Repeated*, Notwithſtanding of its being *Detected*! And that they cannot *Diſprove* one *Circumſtance* of the *Detection*!

(6.) *Rehearſ.* Yet theſe are Good *Proteſtants*! And the beſt *Friends* the *Church* of *England* has— If you will *Believe* them!

Country-m. They may be as good *Proteſtants* as they pleaſe— But I'm ſure they're no *Chriſtians*, and there is ſomething under their *Human Shape* will Denominate them of ſome other *Species*: And till they go to their *Place* the *World* will never be Quiet! The *Church* may ſay with *David*, *I lie even among the Children of Men, that are ſet on Fire, whoſe Teeth are Spears and Arrows, and their Tongue a Sharp Sword.*

(7.) *Rehearſ.* Theſe are the Men that provoke my *Indignation*. For *De Foe* is but their *Clark*. He does what he is Bid, and *Pay'd* for. And I muſt ſay, he ſerves them Faithfully! For he takes all this *Shame* up on himſelf, rather than tell who they are that gave him the *Informations*, tho' he ſays he has their Leave to do it. But he tells us they are the *Diſſenters*, and writes it in their *Name*, and we need deſire no more.

(8.) *Country-m.* I'm glad he does not tell their *Names*, leſt there ſhould be any of my Acquaintance among them. For I know ſeveral of them that are *Honeſt well-meaning* Men, and for whom I have a particular Friendſhip, and who I am perſwaded would not be Carry'd away, thro' the Prejudice of their *Education*, to do any *Baſe* or *Unhandſome* thing.

Rehearſ. Yes, *Country-man*, there are ſuch among them no Doubt. And I can Diſcourſe with them freely, and give my Reaſons againſt the *Validity* of their *Ordinations* and *Baptiſms*, without their taking it ill, or, I dare ſay, wiſhing me any Harm for it. And who, I believe, wou'd Screen me, what in their Power, if I were proſecuted for it. And *Deteſt* thoſe who wou'd take that Method. And it is for their Sakes, in great Meaſure, that I take ſo much Pains to lay open the Proceedings of their *Party*, that I may Recover them if I cou'd out of ſuch ill Company.

(9.) *Country-m.* To Anſwer *Principles* with *Proſecution* in a *Diſpute*, is giving up the *Cauſe*. But an *Action* of *Scandal* brought by a particular *Man*, is as Juſt as an *Action* of *Debt*, or to Puniſh *Thieves* and *Robbers*. For a Man's *Reputation* is Dearer to him then his *Money*. Let Mr. *Review* lay this by till another time.

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